

**From:** [Russell Wells](#)  
**To:** [Barajas-Ochoa\\_Esther@OEHHA](mailto:Barajas-Ochoa_Esther@OEHHA)  
**Subject:** Prop 65 MUST BE FOLLOWED  
**Date:** Friday, June 09, 2017 10:55:28 AM

---

*I am an elder resident of Sonoma County, age 65, and a survivor, (so far), of cancer and other related health issues. I have been in CA since 1987, and have seen much destruction over these 30 years, to the ecosystems and beautiful landscapes of this incredible state. And not only this destruction but the actual decline of my own health due to much pollution and degradation of our air, food and water. I have also been advised by numerous health practitioners, doctors, and my surgeon for the cancer tumor, that the ecological problems are indeed the culprits here. This needs to be addressed now for the safety of future generations.*

*You know, I often wonder... Do our elected officials even understand these issues? Why would they pass things that affect their own children, grandchildren, and generations to come? I just finished a very harrowing novel about a possible future where this degradation did not stop and the result was catastrophic, and frightening. I am not a doomsday predictor, I am a spiritual person with many thoughts and ideas concerning what we should ALL be doing to fix the situation. I shop wisely, I boycott the companies who do not support the appropriate actions, and I educate my family, friends, and community to the problems with all of these destructive actions. Now, I am sitting at this computer, with my limited eyesight (also due to health problems involving these same issues), and copying the items from a website i subscribe to, because I cannot do much of this research any longer.*

*Sincerely,  
Reverend Kathleen Lassiter  
Jenner, CA*

***So, the personal part of this letter to you is over but the items below are crucial:***

**Monsanto has known for 17 years that glyphosate, the main ingredient in its pesticide Roundup, could cause cancer. They launched a massive cover-up, dubbed the "Monsanto papers," showing they have been manipulating research, colluding with a senior government official at the US EPA, and providing pro-Ag articles to government agencies -- all to refute the fact that glyphosate is a carcinogen.**

**A single oatmeal cookie from the CA State Capitol Building's Café, tested in 2016 for glyphosate, contained 311 micrograms (ppb=microgram). A study of lab rats fed glyphosate in their water, contained only 0.1 microgram and the rats got cancerous tumors. Comparing a 150 pound person to a 1 pound lab rat, humans should not ingest 15 microgram. The 1,100 micrograms that**

**OEHHA is proposing is far too high and can be easily consumed daily by the average human, as glyphosate has been found in 85% of US food**

**The USGS tests for glyphosate have found it in nearly all [rivers, lakes and streams in California](#).**

**2014: over 1,382,000 people with cancer in California. 60,000 Californians die from cancer each year. Studies show a 50% increase of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.**

***"Because it bio-accumulates, there is no safe level of exposure to Glyphosate herbicides."***

**–Prof. Dr. Giles-Eric Seralini**

Glyphosate is the most pervasive, widely applied herbicide in California, the United States and globally, in 85% of our US food and over 90% of our surface waters. There is no safe level because glyphosate bio-accumulates in our bodies, so no matter how small an amount is set by OEHHA, and that amount is certain to increase in our brains, tissues, bodily fluids, as we eat more food and drink water that contain it.

**We request that the Prop 65 NSRL (No Significant Risk Level) for glyphosate must be a validly arrived at NSRL, per CA regulations, substantially lower than the proposed 1100 micrograms per day, in order for this Safe Harbor to actually be safe to Californians. Until a comprehensive independent study is done, showing real life exposure levels, regulatory authorities should use a NSRL of well below 0.0001 micrograms/day, (Thongprakaisang et al., 2013), the level where breast cancer has been detected, in keeping with The Precautionary Principle.**

**Rev. K. Lassiter  
and the community of beings on the CA coast**